Promises of God

10. Example

I Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:"

Meaning: Our text is in reference to "suffering wrongfully." Jesus is the great example of one who suffered wrongfully yet, "committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (v. 23). Jesus was the greatest example, not only of suffering, but also every other area of moral and right conduct. The word "example" means to copy for imitation.

Application: God promises there are some things that we can and should copy about Him. He wants us to copy His mercy (Luke 6:36), His forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32); His holiness (I Peter 1:16), His perfectness (Matthew 5:48), and His love (I John 4:7-12). So many people call themselves Christians, yet are not Christlike. If you have been born again into God's family, then you can take on your Father's tendencies if you so choose.

Other Verses for Study: John 13:14, 15; Romans 15:5-7; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 3:13; Hebrews 12:2, 3; I John 2:6

1. What does the word "example" mean? _____

2. What are two things God wants us to copy about Him?

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3. What must we choose to do? _____

"God desires that all men should become Christlike, for in so doing they present larger and more perfect objects for the reception of His outpoured love."